Indian Agricultural Research Institute and the All India Coordinated Floriculture Improvement Project.

(c) An ad-hoc scheme entitled "Investigation on the genetic and other methods for improvement of yield and quality of roses for rose oil in India" was implemented by the ICAR at 5 centres, including Udaipur (Rajasthan) for a period of 5 years from 1983 to 1988. Udaipur centre has developed a very useful technology on propagation of *Rose damascena*, standardisation of agro-techniques for higher production of roses and increased yield of rose oil. A promising strain of *Rose damascena* has been identified for cultivation in the State of Rajasthan.

**News-Items Captioned 'Jail Ko Apradh Nagri Bannen Se Kaise Roka Jai'**

6927. SHRI S.N. VEKARIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned " Jail Ko Apradh Nagri Bannen Se Kaise Roka Jai" appearing in 'Navbharat Times' dated August 19, 1991;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) A news-item appeared in Navbharat Times in its issue of August 19, 1991 primarily relating to the over crowding of prisoners in Tihar Jail and certain inadequacies in jail administration.

(b) The Delhi Administration has taken measures for augmenting the jail capacity, providing better medical care, ensuring greater welfare of the prisoners and providing increased security inside the jail.

**Property Tax Cases Pending In Courts of Delhi**

6928. SHRI S.N. VEKARIA:
SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Sampati Kar Vivadon Ki Sankhya Main Lagatar Vridhi" appearing in "Navbharat Times" dated August 17, 1991.

(b) if so the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the number of cases of property tax pending in the various courts of Delhi; and

(d) the steps being taken to expedite those cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). A news-item captioned "Sampati Kar Vivadon Ki Sankhya Main Lagatar Vridhi" which appeared in Navbharat Times, dated 17th August, 1991, stated that there was an increase in the number of property tax cases in various courts in Delhi. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that the cases filed in the courts during the years 1987-1990 do not indicate any increase. Their number years-wise is as follows:

| *Years* | *Number of Cases Filed* |
|---|---|
| 1987 | 2677 |

| *Years* | *Number of Cases Filed* |
|---|---|
| 1988 | 2207 |
| 1989 | 1810 |
| 1990 | 1956 |

(c) and (d). The number of cases pending in various courts in Delhi as on 30th April, 1991 was 9145 cases. The MCD has taken certain steps for early disposal of these cases. These steps include the reorganisation and the augmentation of their Legal Cell for vigorous prosecution and the appointment of a committee for settling cases out of court where the assessees so desire.

**Drug Abuse in Delhi**

6929. SHRI S.N. VEKARIA: Will the Minister os HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a news-items captioned "Kasta Hua Shikanja Madak Padarthon Ka" appearing in the "Navbharat Times" dated August, 9, 1991;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to tackle the drug menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) A news-item captioned "Kasta Hua Shikanja Madak Padarthon Ka" appeared in the Navbharat Times dated August 9, 1991. The news-items stated that trafficking in drugs was on the increase.

(b) and (c). The Government have taken various legislative, administrative and preventive measures to counter the drug trafficking situation in the country. The punishment for offences relating to drug trafficking has been made deterrent.

[*English*]

**Latest Arms for Para-Military Forces**

6930. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide the latest arms to Para-Military Forces; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the forces to which such arms are proposed to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Government has been reviewing the requirements of weapons of Para-Military Forces from time to time and it has made available the sophisticated arms to Border police, Assam Rifles and Central Industrial Security Force keeping in view their requirements.

**S.T.D. Facility in Alleppey District in Kerala**

6931. SHRI T.J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to provide STD facility in various telephone exchanges in Alleppey District of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?